

If $z=f(x, y)$ then $\frac{\partial z}{\partial x}$ = Partial derivative of z w.r.to x .

Composite Function (chain rule)

1) $u=f(x, y)$

$$x=\phi(s, t), y = \varphi(s, t)$$

$$u=f(x, y)=f(s, t) \quad \frac{\partial u}{\partial s} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial s} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial s} ,$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} \frac{\partial x}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} \frac{\partial y}{\partial t}$$

Variables to be treated as constant

$\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial \theta}\right)_y$ Express u in terms of θ & y and differentiate partially w.r.to θ keeping y constant

Homogeneous Functions

An expression of the form $a_0x^n+a_1x^{n-1}y+a_2x^{n-2}y^2+....+a_ny^n$ in which degree of each term is equal is known as Homogeneous equation

Deduction

1) If u is homogeneous function of degree 'n' in (x, y) then

$$x^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 2xy \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial xy} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = n(n-1)u$$

2) If $u=f^{-1}(x,y)$ is not homogeneous but $f(u)$ is homogeneous then

$$x\frac{\partial u}{\partial x}+y\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{nf(u)}{f'(u)} \text{ and } x^2\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2} + 2xy\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial xy} + y^2\frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial y^2} = g(u)[g'(u)-1]$$

$$\text{where } g(u)=\frac{hf(u)}{f'(u)}$$

Total Derivative of Implicit Function $f(x,y)=0$

$$u=f(x,y)=t$$

$$\text{then total derivative, } \frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}}{\frac{\partial f}{\partial y}}$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{1}{q^3} \begin{vmatrix} r & s & p \\ s & t & q \\ p & q & 0 \end{vmatrix} \text{ where } p = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, q = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, r = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}$$